

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

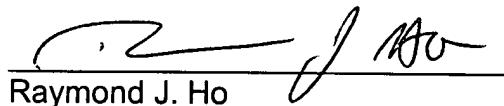
Claims 4 and 7 have been amended to further set forth the present application, and in particular to clarify that all pages included in the unit of erasure are erased at once. No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, claims 4, 7 and 13-16 remain pending in this application and are submitted for consideration.

In view of the above remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 4, 7 and 13-16 now recites subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited art. Applicants therefore request that each of claims 4, 7 and 13-16 be found allowable, and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,



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